

NEXUS COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROJECT TEAM

TELECONFERENCE MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014

11:00 AM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

- I. Review of Agenda and Introductions – Attending: Tom Shimkin, MTC; Ben Abalos, MTC; Anita deGumbia, GA; Shelley Robinson, UT; Lennie Collins, NC; Myles Vosberg, ND; Christie Vandevender, AL; Gene Walborn, MT; Randy Tilley, ID; Elizabeth Harchenko, facilitator.
- II. Public Comment: no public comment offered.
- III. Project Work – the team used the draft version .5 dated 5-4-14
 - a. Review and revise draft Mission Statement – Mission statement accepted
 - b. Review and revise draft Vision Statement – Vision statement accepted
Discussion - where do we include specifics about how we will create the collaborative relationship with taxpayer and practitioner organizations? The goal areas are the place where there is more specificity about how things will be accomplished.
 - c. Review and revise draft Goal Descriptions
Discussion – Question: is creating a nexus resource too big a thing to do? How might this work? Case law seems to be the biggest issue – ties to this would be very helpful, links to DOR sites; another issue is how reliable decisions that are posted would be. Consider idea of a “niche” to fill – so that keeping current isn’t so difficult. What about being a hub for information for states so that they can write effective regulations. These are ideas that would be related to projects. We will hold these for project development phase of the planning process. Edit 3rd bullet under Vitality - Take out references to technology and the Internet.
Question: is it appropriate to talk about membership of local governments? MTC Mission, Values, Vision and Goals refer to local governments. Concern is that using the term “membership” may imply local government membership in MTC. Edit 1st bullet under Vitality by deleting reference to local government membership. Move the reference to local government to the Engagement goal, characterize as engagement and collaboration.
- IV. Next Steps and Scheduling of Future Meetings
 - Take revised draft (v 1.0) to the Nexus Committee at a teleconference to be scheduled in first half of June. Ask Nexus Committee to approve the draft; designate a priority goal area and task the team to develop some project descriptions for the Nexus Committee meeting in Albuquerque.
 - Christie and Gene will take the lead on discussion with Nexus Committee.
 - Schedule team teleconferences for late June and early July to develop project ideas.
 - Report to Strategic Planning Steering Committee on June 6 – Lennie and Elizabeth.
- V. Adjournment – 12:00 pm EDT